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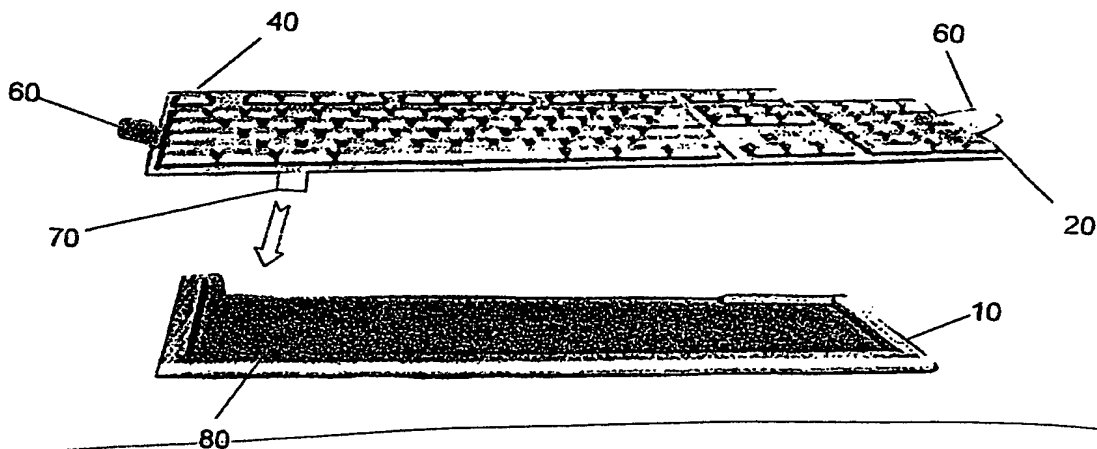
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(57) Abstract: A keyboard for use as an input device for a host computer comprising a removable part (20) that comprises a set of specific keys each of which having a contact and held by a foundation. The removable part (20) is associated with a specific software application to be executed on the host computer using the set, and comprises a device for data-connection and a data storage device containing an Identification Data (ID) associated with the specific application. The keyboard also comprises a fixed part (10), into which the removable part (20) is installed.

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